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I'll be Home for Christmas

Homeless

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Luke 2:4 (NLT)

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Matthew 2:1 (NLT)

⁵¹ [Jesus said] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh."

John 6:51 (NLT)

What Does "Home" Mean?

- It's about a _____
- It's about _____
- It's about _____

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² My Father's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. ³ I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together.

John 14:2-3 (Voice)

1. Your _____ will change

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23 (NRSV)

²⁰ But our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20 (NJB)

¹³ All these people [of faith] ... agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.... ¹⁶ they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:13, 16 (NLT)

2. Your _____ will change

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own **children**. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you **friends**.... John 15:15a (NIV2011)

3. Your _____ will change

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

²⁰ Now pay attention; I am standing at the door and knocking. If any of you hear My voice and open the door, then I will come in to *visit with* you and to share a meal at your table, and you will be with Me. Revelation 3:20 (Voice)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Come home, by receiving God as my heavenly Father, through the life and work of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Live my life in light of the truth that this "home" is only temporary.
- Give thanks Jesus is preparing a place for me in the Father's house.
- Meditate on and/or memorize John 14:2-3



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